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FROM AMBASSADOR SPIRO

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CAMEROON

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO ADDRESSEE SOONEST.

MR MARTIN MYERSON  
PRESIDENT  
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19104

DEAR MARTIN:

I HAVE TWO PURPOSES IN WRITING YOU: FIRST, AND VERY BELATEDLY, TO  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM OF CONGRATULATIONS ON MY NOMINATION.  
AS A FAITHFUL READER OF THE PHILADELPHIA PAPERS, I FOUND YOU GOT MY  
SECOND COUNTRY OF ACCREDITATION WRONG, BUT SINCE I HAVE NOT YET  
PRESENTED MY LETTERS OF CREDENCE IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA, WHO AM  
I TO COMPLAIN? I APPRECIATED PARTICULARLY YOUR REFERENCE TO  
MY OLD COLLEAGUES AT PENNSYLVANIA, AND I WONDERED WHICH ONES YOU  
MEANT.

MY SECOND PURPOSE IS TO ASK YOU TO RECEIVE DR VICTOR NGU,  
VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE, WHO WILL BE  
ATTENDING THE FOURTH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
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ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS, AT THE STATLER-HILTON

IN BOSTON, FROM NOVEMBER 10TH TO 13TH. AFTER THAT, HE WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH MR KENNETH CHARD, BUREAU OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, TELEPHONE (202) 632-8055. DR NGU WILL BE TRAVELLING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH AND WILL BE HAPPY TO VISIT PHILADELPHIA WHERE HE HAS FRIENDS AT CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL, DR AND MRS WERNER HENLE, WHO ARE ALSO CANCER RESEARCHERS. DR NGU WON A LASKER PRIZE FOR CANCER RESEARCH IN 1972. I AM ALSO WRITING H PETERSEN ABOUT HIM.

THE UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE IMPRESSES ME AS AN UP-AND-COMING INSTITUTION IN THE FRENCH TRADITION AND WITH HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS -- AND 7,000 STUDENTS, BECAUSE THE FRENCH TRADITION IS NOT VERY RELEVANT TO THE PROBLEMS OF A COUNTRY LIKE CAMEROON, A DELIBERATE EFFORT IS UNDERWAY TO DIVERSIFY THE UNIVERSITY, BOTH INTERNALLY AND IN ITS EXTERNAL RELATIONS. THE IMMEDIATE OCCASION OF DR NGU'S TRIP, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IS TO ENABLE HIM TO SEEK ADVICE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DOCTORAL PROGRAM AND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. HE ALSO HOPES TO BE ABLE TO ENTER INTO MORE OR LESS PERMANENT RELATIONS WITH ONE OR MORE AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

DR NGU IS NOT ONLY A BRILLIANT MEDICAL MAN, BUT ALSO ANGLOPHONE AND VERY JOLLY - WHAT MORE CAN YOU ASK FOR? I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER WITH HIM AND SHALL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WITH WARMEST REGARDS,

(SIGNED) HERB

AMBASSADOR HERBERT J SPIRO  
AMERICAN EMBASSY  
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